

**Education Standards and Practices Board
Minutes -- September 23, 1996**

The Education Standards and Practice Board meeting was called to order by chairperson Maryjane Martins on Monday, September 23, 1996 at 8:30 a.m. Members of the Board present were Maryjane Martens, Doug Johnson, Bev Sandness, Linda Davis, Sue Andrews, Michael Schatz, Board Intern Deb Jensen, and Executive Director Marilyn Ridenhower. Members absent were Don Haugen and Randy Gordon. Visitors present were Susan Held; Gary Gronberg, DPI; Doug Bahr, Assistant Attorney General; Ron Statsney, NCA Director; Faye Reimers, NDEA; and Helen Bush, NDEA. Linda Davis was appointed to take the minutes.

Mary Harris moved approval of the minutes from the last meeting. Bev Sandness seconded and the motion passed.

Director's report

Patty is no longer with us due to cutbacks from DPI. There are some questions regarding who owns the records.

Letters to remind those that their certificates are due for renewal are going out. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to this service from both teachers and administrators.

Special efforts were made to ensure that all teachers meeting requirements for certificate applications or renewals were issued them prior to the start of school.

A report on the progress of the fingerprinting bill was given. Diane attended workshop in Colorado on fingerprinting. Parties who have expressed an interest in possible co-sponsorship will be invited to attend the next ESPB meeting.

Marilyn attended the DPI English Language Arts Project meeting in Jamestown in July. She received a positive reception. She also attended the AMLEND Conference on Sept. 20-21 in Grand Forks. She presented sessions on Middle Level Certification.

Marilyn and several other state officials met with tribal education leaders in August to begin the dialogue on the sovereignty, liability, and responsibilities of the schools on the reservations. Our interest is the Emeritus Scholar issue dealing with the teaching of native language classes and certification.

The interim educational committee will meet one more time before the next legislative session. There will be discussion on increased funding for the Teaching Learning Centers at the next meeting. ESPB will need to support these efforts. Marilyn also met with the Bush Foundation concerning a grant to support the TLC's planning.

The first issue of the ESPB Newsletter has been published and distributed.

A discussion was held on ways to make the office more efficient. Doug met with Diane and Deb to examine possibilities. It seems very difficult to make any changes without further hindering the work that needs to be completed.

Michael Schatz moved that a letter be sent to Mr. Boehm, giving him an opportunity to explain his actions. The motion was seconded by Sue Andrews and the motion carried.

Duane Dannewitz - Many irregularities in his application were noted. He did not list his more previous teaching position nor did he provide any administrative recommendations. He also has a prior conviction which he did not note. These omissions indicate a potentially fraudulent application. Mary Harris moved that ESPB communicate with Mr. Dannewitz, giving him an opportunity to explain his actions. Seconded by Mike Schatz, the motion carried.

Paul Anderson - Montana has revoked the teaching certificate of Paul Anderson. Sue Andrews moved that the North Dakota teaching certificate of Paul Anderson be revoked. Seconded by Bev Sandness, the motion carried.

Sue Andrew moved that the ESPB meeting be closed to present the opportunity for discussion with legal counsel regarding potential law suit. Seconded by Mary Harris, the motion carried.

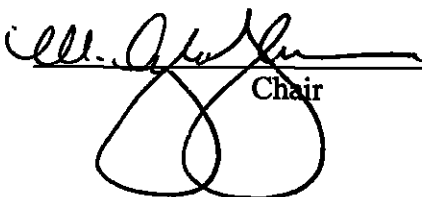
Susan Held appeared before the ESPB to appeal the denial of her application for North Dakota certification. North Dakota law states that major, minor, or endorsement must be present to receive certification, which Ms. Held does not have, although she has the necessary hours. Therefore, the ESPB did not reconsider her application.

Budget

Marilyn gave an overview of the revenues collected since the beginning of the ESPB. Because of the work load and the loss of DPI personnel, additional staffing may be necessary, especially during the summer months. Also, four visitations were necessary this year for program approval, which caused additional expense. DPI has withdrawn their financial support. In addition, ESPB must now pay the rental of the space we occupy in the Capitol. Incoming revenue should off-set the loss and we should be able to maintain our solvency. A clearer, more complete budget summary was requested for future meetings.

Doug moved to advertize for the position of administrative secretary III with final approval to be made by the board at the next board meeting. Second by Mary Harris. Motion passed.

Doug moved that the ESPB meeting be adjourned. Bev seconded. Motion carried.


Chair


Executive Director/Secretary

Intern report

Program Approval - The protocol documents detailing procedures for the visits have been revised, with input from both the deans of education and the visiting teams. The draft was sent to NCATE in August. Protocols for both the initial and continuing program approval processes were submitted.

Two conference calls were held to discuss rejoinders from Mayville and UND. The Board reviewed the letters outlining the PAAC recommendations to Mayville and UND. Sue Andrews moved we accept the UND report pending final approval of the letter draft by the PAAC. Seconded by Michael Schatz, the motion passed. Doug Johnson moved we adopt the PAAC report on Mayville as written. Seconded by Bev Sandness, the motion carried. The office has received a request from Sitting Bull Community College, Ft. Yates, for information on program approval for their teacher preparation program. Information on both the state approval process and NCATE process was sent.

Professional Development - The final draft of the Professional Development Guidelines were distributed. Copies of the Newsletter and invitations to the professional development session will be available at the NDEA Instructional Conference, October 16-18. Deb will be making a presentation to a combined group of teachers and administrators on the Professional Development Project on Thursday. ESPB will also have a booth and will need volunteers to man the booth. Doug Johnson will represent the ESPB and provide information at the elementary and secondary principals meeting Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

The Professional Development Guidelines training of trainers has been rescheduled to November 15-16, 1996.

The Department Of Education Grant was not funded. The standards revision process will be impeded without this funding. This money would have been used to tie the program approval process to the ongoing state standards projects.

Dr. Harris asked Gary Gronberg the status of Goals 2000 funding. He responded that there is no money for expansion or new projects at this time.

Oct 23, 1996, Marilyn has been invited to participate in a meeting of a joint committee of ND and SD legislators concerning the sharing of services. She will be presenting an overview of the certification standards in North Dakota.

Cases

David Collins - No social service investigation has been initiated. No further action will be taken at this time.

Elizabeth Mullen - A social service investigation was started, but the parent will not allow the student to be interviewed, therefore the investigation is at a standstill. No further action will be taken at this time with this case.

Dennis Blue - His teaching certificate has been voluntarily relinquished per agreement. Sue Andrews moved to accept this agreement between the ESPB and Mr. Blue. Seconded by Mike Schatz, the motion carried.

Roger Boehm - Mr. Boehm has reapplied for a teaching certificate. His grade point average is now sufficient. Previous application revealed that he had a prior conviction, although he claimed no convictions on the current application. Although the original conviction was a misdemeanor, this failure to note it may constitute a fraudulent action.